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| 8             | JESSICA HUDSON,  | ) Case No.: 8:15-cv-1750                                |
| 9             | Plaintiff,   | ) COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL                   |
| 1             | v.   | ) (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)                  |
| 12            | BARCLAY'S BANK DELAWARE,   | )<br>)<br>)   |
| 14            | Defendant.   | )<br>)<br>)   |
| 15<br>16      | JESSICA HUDSON (Plaintiff), by her attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., alleges the                |   |
| 17            | following against BARCLAY'S BANK DELAWARE (Defendant):                                       |   |
| 18            | INTRODUCTION   |   |
| 19            | 1. Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint is based on Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 28        |   |
| 20            | U.S.C. § 227 et seq. (TCPA).   |   |
| 21            | 2. Count II of the Plaintiff's Complaint is based on Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practice |   |
| 22            | Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1788 et seq. (RFDCPA).   |   |
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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

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### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Jurisdiction of this Court over Counts I of Plaintiff's Complaint arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained herein.
- 4. Defendant conducts business in the State of California thereby establishing personal jurisdiction.
- 5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

## **PARTIES**

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Camarillo, Ventura County, California.
- 7. Defendant is a business entity with a principal place of business in Wilmington, Delaware.
- 8. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- In or around 2014, Defendant began constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged debt.
- 10. Plaintiff's alleged debt arose through a consumer credit transaction.
- 11. Defendant places collection calls from telephone numbers, including, but not limited to, 866-456-0677.
- 12. Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number 805-231-3886.
- 13. Base upon the timing and frequency of Defendant's calls and per its prior business practices, each of Defendant's calls were placed using an automatic telephone dialing system.
- 14. In or around 2015, Defendant began placing multiple daily collection calls to Plaintiff.
- 15. On or around July 9, 2015, Plaintiff spoke to Defendant's representative, "Tovari," and

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requested that Defendant cease placing collection calls.

- 16. On or around July 21, 2015, Plaintiff spoke to Defendant's representative, "Roger," and again requested that Defendant cease placing collection calls.
- 17. Plaintiff revoked any consent, express, implied or otherwise, to receive automated collection calls from Defendant in the course of the telephone conversations on or around July 9, 2015; and July 21, 2015.
- 18. Despite Plaintiff's repeated requests to cease, Defendant continued to place multiple collection calls to Plaintiff on a daily basis, including but not limited to at least twentythree (23) collection calls to Plaintiff 's cellular telephone over an approximate two-month period.

## **COUNT I**

# DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS ACT

- 19. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 20. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violates of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).
- Wherefore, Plaintiff, JESSICA HUDSON, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, BARCLAY'S BANK DELAWARE for the following:
  - 21. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C.  $\S$  (b)(3)(B);
  - 22. Statutory damages of \$1500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C);

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23. All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred; and

24. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

# **COUNT II**

# DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 25. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations in Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint as the allegations in Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 26. Defendant violated the RFDCPA based on the following:
  - a. Defendant violated § 1788.11(d) of the RFDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously to annoy the person called;
  - b. Defendant violated § 1788.11(e) of the RFDCPA by communicating with Plaintiff with such frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute a harassment to Plaintiff.
  - c. Defendant violated § 1788.17 of the RFDCPA by failing to comply with the Fair Debt Collection Practices, Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., to wit:
    - 1. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse Plaintiff;
    - 2. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with intent to annoy, harass, or abuse Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, JESSICA HUDSON, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, BARCLAY'S BANK DELAWARE for the following:

27. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1788.30(b),

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| 1  | 28. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection |  |
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| 2  | Practices Act, Cal. Civ Code § 1788.30(c), and  |  |
| 3  | 29. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.                       |  |
| 4  | RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,   |  |
| 5  | DATED: October 28, 2015<br>KROHN & MOSS, LTD.   |  |
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| 8  | By: /s/ <u>Ryan Lee</u><br>Ryan Lee<br>Attorney for Plaintiff                           |  |
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| 11 | DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL   |  |
| 12 | PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, JESSICA HUDSON, demands a jury trial in thi          |  |
| 13 | case.   |  |
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